

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed February 3, 2004, the application filing fee and a further copy of the executed declaration from the parent application Serial No. 09/986,941, filed November 13, 2001 (now abandoned) are attached. A copy of the attached executed declaration accompanied the present application as filed on November 3, 2003, as indicated by the crossed box at the top of the cover sheet for present application dated November 3, 2003. As it appears that the copy of the declaration submitted on November 3, 2003 is not in the USPTO file, a further copy is attached hereto. Entry is requested.

The claims have been amended to deal with the formal matters raised in the Official Action mailed May 2, 2003 in parent application Serial No. 09/986,941. Claims 1-7 and 12-20 are in the case. The following comments are offered with respect to the points raised in the Official Action dated May 2, 2003 in the parent application Serial No. 09/986,941.

I. DRAWINGS

The drawings have been objected to for the reasons stated on page 2 of the Action. In response, claims 8-11 have been cancelled without prejudice. Withdrawal of this objection is now respectfully requested.

II. THE 35 U.S.C. §112, SECOND PARAGRAPH, REJECTION

Claims 10 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for the reasons stated on page 2 of the Official Action. Claim 10 has been cancelled without prejudice. Withdrawal of this rejection is now respectfully requested.

III. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

It is noted, with appreciation, that claims 1-9 and 12-21 are allowed with the amendments made in the present paper, it is believed that all of the claims are now in allowable condition. Early notice to the effect is awaited.

IV. PRIORITY

The Examiner has noted that a certified copy of the patent application has not been submitted. This objection is respectfully traversed. The present application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/986,941, filed November 13, 2001 which is a continuation of Serial No. 09/214,757, filed January 12, 1999 which is a national phase application filed under 35 U.S.C. §371 of PCT/SE98/02038, filed November 11, 1998. A certified copy of the underlying Swedish application was filed in the International Phase of PCT/SE98/02038 thereby perfecting the priority claim in this series of cases.

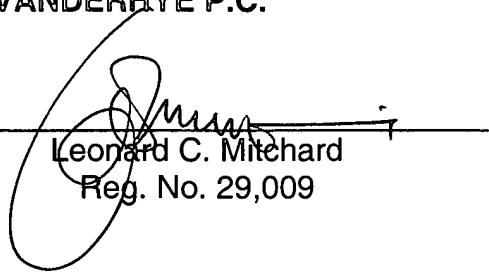
Acknowledgement of this in box 13, sub-box (a), sub-sub-box 3 of the "Office Action Summary" is accordingly respectfully requested.

Allowance of the application is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.

By:


Leonard C. Mitchard
Reg. No. 29,009

LCM:Ifm
1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor
Arlington, VA 22201-4714
Telephone: (703) 816-4000
Facsimile: (703) 816-4100
Attachment: copy of originally executed declaration